

Serial No. **09/738,986**
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-3 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 5-6 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 5-6 have been canceled to be pursued in a Continuation Application. No new matter is added. Support for the claims can be found throughout the specification, including the original claims, and the drawings. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Entry of the amended claims is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 since the amendments: (1) place the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein; (2) do not raise any new issues requiring further search and/or consideration since the amendments amplify issues previously discussed throughout prosecution without incorporating additional subject matter; (3) satisfy a requirement of form asserted in the previous Office Action; and/or (4) place the application in better form for appeal if necessary. Entry is thus requested.

The Examiner is thanked for the indication that claims 1-3 are allowed.

The Office Action rejected claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly indefinite, and rejected claims 5 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Burrows et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,091,838, in view of Li et al., U.S. Patent No. 6, 219,793. Claims 5-6 have been canceled, and thus, these rejections are moot.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,
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